

Oryza sp. Senegal Perenial Rice, S.P.I. No. 34092.

Two plants of this interesting newly discovered rhizome-forming West African red rice were received June 3, 1912. From these two, fourteen plants were secured by division, two of which were sent to Crowley, La., the remainder being grown in the Department greenhouses. Crowley plants have grown well, one of them, shown in the halftone above, having spread to a diameter of about nine feet. The greenhouse material has grown to a height of over ten feet, has flowered and is still flowering, but has not set seed. Being a red rice, this perennial rice in its present form may never have any commercial value as a cereal in the United States. It is possible, however that this plant, may prove of great value in hybridization experiments, and it is hoped that the rhizome-forming habit may be transmitted to some of the hybrids. Photo by Office of Cereal Investigations, August, 1913. See also S.P.I. No. 36533.